

are as follows:

<i>(Rs. in lakhs)</i>		
Year	Maharashtra	Bihar
2003-04	13642.11	863.12
2004-05	16577.35	1487.77
2005-06	20801.93	1340.98

The assistance by NCDC is released in the form of loan and subsidy, if applicable. The loan is released on terms and conditions inclusive of rate of interest on term loan, working capital and margin money, period of repayment of term loan, working capital and margin money.

#### **Price regulation in steel industry**

1171.DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing the price regulation in steel industry so that the middle class consumers can be benefited by competitive price when steel production is increased in Indian market in competition with global market; and

(b) if not whether Government would bring a law creating regulatory authority to fix reasonable price of steel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government does not propose to bring any law for creation of a regulatory authority for controlling price of steel. In a liberalized scenario the price of steel is determined by the interplay of the market forces.

#### **Haematite Iron ore consumption**

1172. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:  
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Haematite iron ore consumed by domestic steel plants during the last three years;

(b) the quantity of ore likely to be consumed domestically by 2019-20; and